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For: ENDOSCOPIC IMAGING SYSTEM MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO DETACHABLY ATTACH EXPANSION UNIT HAVING EXTERNAL EXPANSION FACILITY AND ADD EXPANSION FACILITY FOR IMPROVING CAPABILITY OF SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant responds herein to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 9, 2005.

**FEE CALCULATION**

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If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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\* not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.  If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2.  If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.  If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.